

AN ACT concerning

Forgery - Power of Attorney

FOR the purpose of including forgery of a power of attorney within the forgery statute.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

Section 44

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1971 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 44 of Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

44.

Any person who shall falsely make, forge or counterfeit, or cause or procure to be falsely made, forged or counterfeited, or willingly aid or assist in falsely making, forging, altering or counterfeiting any deed, document or affidavit of waiver or release of mechanics' lien, will, testament or codicil, POWER OF ATTORNEY, bond, writing obligatory, bill of exchange, promissory note for the payment of money or property, endorsement or assignment of any bond, writing obligatory, bill of exchange, promissory note for the payment of money or property, acquittance or receipt for money or property, or any acquisition or receipt either for money or for property, with intention to defraud any person whomsoever, or shall utter or publish as true any false, forged, altered or counterfeited deed, will, testament or codicil, POWER OF ATTORNEY, bond, writing obligatory, bill of exchange, promissory note for the payment of money or property, or endorsement, or assignment of any bond, writing obligatory, bill of exchange, promissory note for the payment of money or property, acquittance or receipt for money or property, or shall utter or publish as true, with intention to defraud any person whomsoever any false document of waiver or release of mechanics lien shall be deemed a felon, and on being convicted thereof shall be sentenced to the penitentiary for not less than one nor more than ten years.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1976.